

Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A steel pipe ~~having a low yield ratio~~ for construction, characterized in that:

the steel pipe contains, in mass, 0.01% to 0.20% C, 0.05 0.31% to 1.0% Si, 0.1% to 2.0% Mn, 0.001% to 0.05% Al, with a balance consisting of Fe and unavoidable impurities, wherein a microstructure of the steel pipe is composed of ferrite and at least one of pearlite and cementite, and wherein an average size of grains of the ferrite in the microstructure is at least 25 μm and an average size of grains of one of the pearlite and the cementite is 4 to 20 μm .

2. (Currently amended) The steel pipe for construction according to claim 1, wherein the microstructure contains one of a spheroidized pearlite and a spheroidized cementite.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The steel pipe for construction according to any one of claims 1 or 2, wherein the steel pipe contains, in mass, at least one of 0.01% to 0.5% Nb and 0.001% to 0.01% N.

5. (Currently amended) The steel pipe for construction according to claim 1, wherein the steel pipe contains, in mass, at least one of 0.005% to 0.1% Ti and 0.0001% to 0.005% B.

6. (Currently amended) The steel pipe according for construction to claim 1, wherein the steel pipe contains, in mass, at least one of 0.01% to 0.5% V, 0.01 %to 1% Cu, 0.01% to 1% Ni, 0.01% to 1% Cr and 0.01% to 1% Mo.
7. (Canceled).
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